

Impeachment Proceedings

Legislative Branch seeks impeachment trial for SGA President.

By Staff Writer



Photo by PSC Communications Dept.
Mackenzie Halterman, SGA President, pictured during President Gee's visit to PSC last semester.

Potomac State Student Government Association started off their semester on uneven ground.

At the end of the first open

body meeting, the Legislative Branch unanimously passed a resolution asking for SGA President Mackenzie Halterman to resign and permission from the SGA adviser to start the impeachment process.

Dean Letrent is the acting adviser for SGA, replacing Jeremy Kaler who resigned in November.

A trial will be held to discuss the allegations and determine whether a vote will be cast for impeachment.

If the vote is for impeachment, Halterman would be immediately removed from his position in the student government.

Halterman provided no response to the *Pasquino* staff about the allegations.

Campus Radio Station

By Amber Butcher, Journalism Adviser

Students will have the opportunity to learn about radio broadcast and production on campus. Potomac State College will host a low-power FM radio station at Catamount Place. The station will be managed by the Mineral County Historical Society and will provide opportunities for students and staff to produce program segments such as news, sports, agriculture and history.

The radio station should be on air and in production by February of 2017. The station will feature traditional folk music of West Virginia.

In Memory Of Cassie

Information from Basagic Funeral Home

By Tessa Sawyers, Editor-In-Chief

Cassie Vosburgh, 18, died from an automobile accident on February 20, 2016. She was a 2015 graduate of Petersburg High School.

She attended Potomac State College in the fall of 2015 and intended to work towards a nursing degree. Cassie enjoyed listening to music, reading and camping.

She loved spending time with her family, especially her niece and nephew.



Photo by Basagic Funeral Home

The Pasquino is Online!

By Amber Butcher, Adviser

The *Pasquino* has expanded to Twitter and online. Tessa Sawyers, editor, has designed and is managing the *Pasquino* Twitter account. Please follow her @pscpasquino.

The *Pasquino* is also going online as students are learning how to write for online papers.

Mid-march, the online version will be available at pscpasquino.wordpress.com.

Take time to read more in-depth articles, student blogs alumni spotlights, and see photos and videos about the topics discussed in the printed version.

Guest writers for both print and online are encouraged to submit articles to amber.butcher@mail.wvu.edu or stop by the *Pasquino* office in AC308.

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ACADEMICS

A Student's Response to BSA Event

By: Diamond Mason, Contributing Writer

In honor of Black History Month and the irresistible craving for unity at Potomac State College, BSA hosted two magnificent events.

The first one was a panel discussion on race, and the second was a Taste of Black History. These two events encouraged students, faculty, and visitors to open up their hearts to each other.

The panel discussion was a beautiful opportunity where people who attended were able to break the race barrier that has divided blacks and whites for many years. Listening to everyone in the room talk about their walks of life was comforting.

When somebody opens up their diary of life and lets you read each page, it sends a mes-

sage of trust; with trust comes brotherhood and sisterhood.

By the end of the panel students and visitors learned how they could get to know each other, interact, and simply get out of their comfort zones with the another race. Faculty learned how to approach, help and be an asset to student success.

If you are talking about soul, brotherhood and triumph, then you are talking about The Taste of Black History. This event provided a welcoming atmosphere where people could absorb information about how we progressed and also regressed.

There were many relatable speakers who shared their lives with the attendees and motivated them to make not only Potomac State a better place, but

also America. The night continued on with a great gospel song sung by David Hill, who went to prison for 19 years for something he did not do.

He managed to turn something so negative into positivity by finding his voice and getting closer to God. Ironically, that's what soul food is all about: turning something negative into something positive.

Slaves had nothing but scraps for dinner, so they had to find a way to make their food taste good, which they did. They did this by putting their soul into the lifeless scraps they were given. Soul food is a reflection of life for many black people having to make something out of nothing.

At the end of the event, the



Photo by PSC Communications Department

Pictured Left to Right: Yelena Meadows, Brandon Washington, Shannon Meek, Pastor Alfred Deas, David Fryson. Back Row: Antar Evans, Edem Tetteh, Joshua Dorsey, Leonard Colelli.

BSA closed with a powerful deliverance of Maya Angelou's, "Still I Rise" poem. Closing with this poem transferred an electrifying energy into the atmosphere of perseverance, unity and equality. A Taste of Black History gave an insight of where we Americans came from, which will lead us to where we're going. And that's the path of brotherhood.

Upcoming Student Events

Quad Fest- April 28th-on The Quad-Noon-10PM

Free cotton candy, snow cones, and popcorn, Inflatable Bubble Soccer, Arrow Tag, Games (volleyball, corn hole etc.)

Other Activities:

- Raffle sponsored by Rotaract Club
- Movie on The Quad
- Women's History Week March 6-11
- Oxfam Hunger Banquet
- Russell McKenton (Comedian) March 16
- Mobile Roller Rink in DCC on March 31
- Bill Lepp (Comedian) late March
- HvZ Weekend, tentatively being planned for early April
- King's Dominion Trip in mid-April
- Step Show Review (PSC and WVU are collaborating to bring to PSC in April)



Photo by Kate Goff

SGA Sponsored Faculty Lecture Series

- Warrior Archtype – March 9 - Tom Sydow/Martha Olin-Johnson
- "Power of a Smile" – March 30 - Ruth Schneider

Students are encouraged to check out the College Calendar as it changes daily:

<http://potomacstatecollege.edu/cal/>

STUDENT NEWS

Campus Ministries Spring Trip

By B.J. Sires, *Design Editor*

The Campus and Community Ministries Club has planned no ordinary spring break trip; they are going to Crisfield, Maryland to help repair houses damaged from Hurricane Sandy.

The hurricane devastated many families and communities along the East Coast of the United States in late October and early November of 2012.

"They predict that the area should be re-habitable in about six years -- 15 years for Hurricane Katrina," said Pastor Jim McCune, adviser of the club.

The club will be assisting with painting, flooring, insulating and "destroying" to rebuild houses. "We help restore the community," said Casey Kidder, a member of the club.

Pastor Jim said, "You make lifelong friends with a whole lot of folk."

The club plans to leave on Sunday, March 20, in the afternoon and will be gone six days until Friday, March 26, in the evening.

The club will be utilizing their last day in Crisfield, March



Photo by Wikipedia

Destruction of Crisfield, Maryland from Hurricane Sandy. This is the area and destruction that members of the Campus and Community Ministries Club will be helping to repair.

26, to tour the area. They intend to visit Chincoteague and Assateague Islands to see the

wild horses during this day, eat at a seafood restaurant and eat ice cream.

Through the week the group plans to watch the sun rise over the Chesapeake Bay and watch it set while visiting James Park.

Ashley Walker, a student club member, said, "This is my third year, and I absolutely love it!"

The trip costs \$50 and will include everything needed, including the ice cream.

As Casey Kidder said, "Sometimes you come back with friends."

Library Buys GoPros

By B.J. Sires, *Design Editor*

The Mary F. Shipper Library at Potomac State College received an Academic Innovation Tech Integration Grant to bring more technology to the school.

From this grant the library has bought four GoPros for students to use for professional reasons. With the GoPros the library purchased a skeleton housing, water proof housing, head and chest mounts, suction cup mounts, and a monopod (selfie stick).

To be able to receive this grant Virginia Kline and Dave Miller had to create a new class, ULIB 293A. Within this class students are required to create a video in their e portfolio.

Some of these videos include showing children how to do a layup for basketball step-by-step

and how to hold a baseball for several different types of pitches.

Students are also encouraged to use these GoPros for projects. "They are for any class or club project," said Kline.

One example of this is Donald Thorne using the GoPros for a horticulture project. This is one of many ways students at PSC can utilize this source to improve any project.

"Students could use them for horseback riding, pre-medical fields, lab procedures, crime scenes, and elementary education to teach," said Kline.

These GoPros are one of the first steps PSC is taking to bring the college into the technological era, allowing students to "realize what's possible" in their perspective fields.

Campus Career Fair

By B.J. Sires, *Design Editor*

The Student Success Council will be presenting a Career Fair in the Davis Conference Center on Tuesday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Countless occupational fields will be in attendance to provide a well-balanced and well-rounded fair.

Some careers include an attorney, physical therapist, physician assistant, human resources, engineering, IT, dentistry, nursing, day care, veterinarian, accounting, real estate, insurance, banker, and a pharmacist. The Candlewyck Inn and VERSO will be represented.

"We are inviting a variety of occupations to have something available for all of our students," said Jayne Gilbert, member of the Student Success Council.

This career fair is to help students to choose majors or explore new avenues that they may not

have thought they would be interested in. Students will be able to gain more information for their own career paths.

"These professionals are volunteering five hours of their day to help our students," said Gilbert who encourages everyone who can to attend and learn about possible job opportunities.

Along with the professionals listed, WVU Career Services Center is offering a variety of workshops including Job Search (10 a.m. & 1 p.m.), Writing Resumes and Cover Letters (11 a.m. & 2 p.m.), and Interview Skills (noon).

The Student Success Council also displays a "Career Corner" in the back of the computer lab in the Academic Success Center featuring internship opportunities for the summer and future semesters.

Student Speaks

Cheers and Jeers

By Gale Vanhouten, Page Editor

Potomac State College caters to a diverse student body. Some students find themselves loving the amenities that the college offers and some desire more. Students on the quad were asked what they love about PSC and what the college lacks.

Cassie Kidder, an upperclassman, **CHEERS** the concert and bands hosted by the college and would love to see more of those activities.

Angela Kenney, freshman, **CHEERS** "PSC is close to home." She **CHEERS** fun night hosted by the work-studies and student activities such as bowling. **JEERS**: The lack of other foreign

languages and more student activities for commuters. Lea Baker, a sophomore, could not **CHEER** enough praise for Antonio Rascon, the Director of Student Activities, and the amount of work he does for the student body. **JEERS**: Late night is gone.

Shawn Bishop, a sophomore, **CHEERS** the views that are unique to the campus and he "finds that they are some of the most enjoyable in the area." He also "enjoys being surrounded by nature."

Katlyn Eichenbaum, a freshman, **CHEERS** the student-teacher ratio. The small ratio makes her



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feel important to her professors. She **JEERS** campus laundry services. Washing a load of laundry can easily cost \$5, and she complains that the machines are not in working order.

CHEERS: PSC offers a vast ar-

ray of amenities to an extremely diverse population; many things on the campus are absolutely unique to us. The professors here are some of the best and offer a great learning experience and personal growth.

PSC Petri Dish

By Paige Harrison,
Contributing Writer

Potomac State athletes are at a risk of catching and transmitting harmful bacteria by playing on the school's synthetic turf field.

According to Edmar Chemical Company, synthetic turf is a breeding ground for bacteria like MRSA: an infection caused by Staph bacteria. Staph enters the body through broken skin, making turf burns a potential route for the bacteria. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one out of and three individuals are carriers of Staph. This means many of PSC's athletes have the potential to spread and/or catch this highly-conta-

gious bacteria.

Turf fields are continually being contaminated by bodily fluids-blood, saliva, sweat, and vomit-plus animal and bird droppings. Edmar points out that many think that rain will wash away these contaminants, but the rubber crumbs that fill the field act as a filter. All the present bacteria gets trapped, and "clean" water filters through.

Some may also think that UV light from the sun kills bacteria present on turf fields. While the UV light can help, at nighttime when it is dark, moist, and the turf is still warm from the sun, the field becomes a habitat for thriving bacteria.

Red Hen Turf Farm and Blue Grass Enterprises, two large syn-

thetic turf corporations, released a booklet together on proper turf maintenance and cleaning. The booklet states that turf must be cleaned and disinfected for player safety. The cleaning process is made simple with sprayer machines that rake through the field while spraying disinfectant. These machines can be purchased from the same companies that sell the turf.

Mark Sprouse, PSC Women's Soccer Head Coach, and Josh Seese, PSC Women's Lacrosse Head Coach, both stated that they were not sure how or if PSC's field was kept clean.

"There isn't a way of disinfecting turf, or at least that I know of," said Shawn White, PSC Athletic Director.

Four PSC teams use the field, putting it in constant use year round. If the field is not properly cleaned, that is a lot of possible bacteria and infections. This should be a huge concern for the PSC athletes that are subject to play on the turf.

The NCAA and NJCAA do not have any rules regarding the cleaning of turf fields. OSHA has guidelines for the rubber crumbs used to fill the fields but not for disinfecting.

Careful attention is paid to the sanitation of wrestling mats to prevent the same bacteria that are present in turf fields. So, why isn't anyone giving special attention to the potential health hazards of our turf field at PSC?

STUDENT LIFE

Alumni Spotlight

By Derek Artimez, *Alumni Relations*

David Shoemaker was not the typical commuter student when attending Potomac State College (PSC) of West Virginia University (WVU), especially not when considering he was fresh out of high school and living on his own. A passionate Mountaineer in love with the Mountain State, Shoemaker made the difficult decision to remain in his childhood home while his family left the area for new opportunities.

Shoemaker now credits being thrust into young independence for life skills such as time management, study, organizational and employability skills. Not only did he juggle full-time classes, but he also worked two

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Relations
Department*

**David
Shoemaker
2014 PSC
Graduate**



jobs, including managing the Domino's Pizza shop and serving as a waiter for Denny's, all while studying vigorously to earn his four-year criminal justice degree.

"I really cannot say enough about the PSC criminal justice program," said Shoemaker. "I was able to build relationships with professors like Nicklaus Goff, Andrea Bucklew and Heidi

Samuels, who were so important to my growth and education." Shoemaker graduated from PSC in 2014 with a tight-knit class of about 11 other criminal justice students who he assures are all achieving high accomplishments in their early careers.

"With his combined intelligence, ambition and work ethic, I suspect that Shoemaker will be successful in whatever endeavor he should choose to undertake," says PSC Criminal Justice Instructor Nicklaus Goff, who oversees the Field Practicum, which was Shoemaker's favorite course.

"Field Practicum immerses you in the life of a criminal justice professional who you job shadow through day-to-day operations," explains Shoemaker. "I was very fortunate to work

with Sergeant Mike Lot, who taught me many practical skills and the importance of professionalism."

Shoemaker continues to work two jobs while he furthers his education through the WVU Executive MBA program, specializing in forensic accounting and raising his two-year-old daughter, Paisley. Though receiving his MBA will surely provide him greater marketability, it's Shoemaker's dream to eventually own his own business in the Keyser community.

On a final note, Shoemaker's advice to all students is "take advantage of the accessibility to your professors at Potomac State College because each one has a wealth of knowledge to pass onto you... and remember every class is important."

4th Generation at PSC

By Bobbie Bowen, *Contributing Writer*

I am the fourth generation in my family to attend Potomac State College. My great-grandmother, Lottie Weimer, attended PSC in the 40s before continuing her education at Davis and Elkins College. The stories of her time at PSC inspired her son, George Bowen, to attend directly after graduating high school in the late 60s. Then, my father, Jason Bowen, attended after his service in the United States Air Force in 2001.

By this point in his life, he was a single father with an injured back and knees from a parachuting incident overseas.

He wanted to further his education to provide an easier life for me. When he had nobody to watch me during his classes, he brought me with him. He was nervous that his teachers would have a problem with it, but none of them did. One teacher even had a special chair for me. He was able to continue his education at PSC until I started school.

My stepmother, Sandra Bowen, is also a great example of why generations continue to pursue their education at PSC. She is a veteran that suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Dis-

order. After she earned her AA in Education from Eastern West Virginia Technical Center, she furthered her education at PSC. While a student, she utilized the Veteran's Lounge. PTSD makes it hard for her to be around large numbers of people for long periods of time. After the lounge was opened, she could be in a smaller space around people who understood how she felt.

Another important person in my decision to attend PSC was my uncle, Michael Mongold. Since I was a little girl, I have always looked at his accomplishments in admiration. He started his engineering degree at PSC. Like me, he commuted everyday to attend his classes. He even-

tually transferred to WVU to finish his engineering degree. He joined the Reserved Officer Training Corps (ROTC), which helped him achieve his dream of joining the Air Force as an officer and pilot after his graduation. I plan to follow in his footsteps with a different degree.

I decided as a high school freshman that I wanted to pursue a degree in public relations. I am currently attending PSC as a journalism major with the hopes of completing my bachelor's degree in public relations at WVU. Later in life, I hope to inspire the younger generations of my family to continue this legacy.

SPORTS

Coach Little Inducted into Hall of Fame

By DeJhard Kimbrough, Page Editor



Photo by PSC Communications Department

Coach Little's amazing 615-257 record is one reason why he was inducted into the Hall

of Fame. Little just began his 19th year coaching at PSC, and he has experienced great success

since his first year in 1993 when the baseball team had a 30-13 record. That was the first of many playoff appearances this program has seen. Coach Little has seen over 60 of his former players go on to play at high Division-1 schools and even 22 players have gone on to play professional baseball. Little has made PSC's baseball team one of the top teams in the nation in a short time.

After finishing up the first weekend of their season (Feb 20-21) with a disappointing

0-4 record, the Potomac State baseball team went 2-2 the following weekend to bring their record to 2-6 to start off the season. Coach Little said that he scheduled these tough games at the beginning of the season for a reason. "I wanted to give our team a challenge instead of scheduling easy opponents that we could beat," said Little. Little believes that these tough games at the beginning of the season will help the team grow and get better for the long haul of the season.

PSC Basketball Wraps up Great Season

By DeJhard Kimbrough, Page Editor

The Potomac State Women's Basketball team finished up the season with a 13-7 record after earning a spot in the Region XX Tournament. On the final game of the regular season against Chesapeake (Feb. 19), PSC had to win in order to qualify for the regional tournament. They won 97-94 in double overtime. Katie

Hoban led 5 scorers in double figures with 18 points. Alexis Carr and Treashur Jackson each had 16 points, Courtney Davis had 13 points, and Elizabeth Mills had 12 points.

The regional tournament is single elimination. The winner advances to the national tournament in Kansas. This year the region tournament was held at Chesapeake College. The Lady Catamounts were matched up against the College of Southern Maryland for the first game and lost 72-62 which ended their season. PSC was down two points at halftime, but could never take a lead over Southern Maryland.



Photo by Raymond Burner

Lexi Carr handles the ball against NOVA Community College

The PSC Men's Basketball Team also was involved in the Region XX tournament the same weekend as the lady catamounts however their tournament took place at Hagerstown Community College. They lost in the region championship game to Cecil College, 86-80.

The PSC Catamounts, who were nationally ranked 17th in the latest NJCAA polls, won their first game against the Community College of Beaver County 71-65 behind George Chase's 21 points and 10 rebounds. That win earned them a spot against Cecil College on Sunday (Feb. 28). The men finished up their season with a record of 22-5.



Photo by Raymond Burner

Travis Brown drives to the basket against Garrett College

SPORTS

Lady Catamounts Lacrosse

By Paige Harrison, Contributing Writer

With chic new practice uniforms, a new head coach, and a lively blend of experienced and new, hard working players, the Potomac State Lady Catamounts Lacrosse Team is ready to get their season underway.

Under the direction of new head coach, Josh Seese, the Lady Cats have been practicing for the past month in preparation for their season opener on March 3, at Frederick Community College.

"I am excited about the leadership the experienced girls

are bringing to the team and the hard work to become better that the new players are putting in. I look forward to what I believe will be a great season where the ladies and I can learn a lot from each other," said Seese of his first time coaching a women's team.

Making up the roster is an array of experienced and talented players and a group of girls brand-new to the game.

This half and half mixture is proving to make up an interesting dynamic that many of

the returning players believe will bring them a successful season.

The team has a heavy home schedule of eight games and hopes to draw large student crowds as they fight to defend the Catamount turf. With a lot of student and staff support the program could continue to grow into a prominent and successful PSC team.



Photo by Caden Walters

The Lady Catamount's Club Lacrosse team practicing on Stayman Field.

To stay updated on the team and when they play follow the team's official twitter @PSC-WomensLax.

PSC Home Game Schedule

Baseball

March

2	Garrett College	2:00
9	Shenandoah University	1:00
12	St. Clair County CC	1:00
13	St. Clair County CC	Noon
19	Corning CC	1:00
20	Corning CC	Noon
25	Mercyhurst NE	1:00
26	Mercyhurst NE	Noon
28	CCBC Cundalk	1:00
29	Lakeland CC	1:00

April

9	Chesapeake College	2:00
23	Monroe College	Noon
24	Harford CC	Noon
30	CCBC Catonsville	1:00

May

1	Cecil College	1:00
7	Hagerstown CC	2:00

Women's Lacrosse

April

5	Harford CC	6:00
10	Frederick CC	Noon
12	Anne Arundel CC	5:00
16	College of S. MD	3:00
17	CCBC Essex	TBA
23	Howard CC	Noon



Photo by PSC Communications Department

The PSC baseball team stands in respect for the Pledge of Allegiance during their fall season.

Softball

March

14	Allegany College of MD	3:00
	Allegany College of MD	5:00
16	CC of Beaver County	3:00
	CC of Beaver County	5:00
28	CCBC Dundalk	5:00
	CCBD Dundalk	5:00

April

7	Frederick CC	3:00
	Frederick CC	5:00
17	CCBC Catonsville	1:00
	CCBC Catonsville	3:00
20	Westmoreland County CC	3:00
	Westmoreland County CC	5:00

AROUND CAMPUS

Home Brewing For College Credit

By Cara Berryman, Staff Writer

I have always had a child-like obsession with horses. When I was younger, I begged my parents for a horse. I was offered a chance to finally live out my dream when I learned about the Equestrian 101 class on campus. I signed up and was presented with a beautiful mare named Allie to ride during the Spring of 2015.

We all know college classes can be boring. We've all had that 8:30 a.m. class in which we've had to endure a professor's monotonous lecture, which usually covers things we aren't even interested in. It seems that the number of boring classes we have to take undermines our college's ability to offer engaging classes.

If you don't take the time to research the classes available to you, you might miss the opportunity to make your college experience an enjoyable one. PSC offers many classes that I am exceedingly interested in and I can still get credit hours to count towards my degree.

Have an interest in science fiction? Sign up for the creative writing class! Enjoy having a beer if you're of age? Take the home beer-brewing course. If you feel the need to include some exercise into your week,

but don't want to pay for a gym membership, then check out tennis, basketball or even a coaching class. Karate, Zumba, First-Aid, Study of Dinosaurs, Splendors of Italy, Bowling or even Fly-Fishing are just some of the classes outside of the norm that you might find interesting.

I recommend you take time to look over all the classes with your advisor in order to truly grasp everything available. PSC is a great place with diverse faculty. They want to share their expertise with us, and they can do so with these classes.

There are many ways to make your experience at school a more exciting one, and PSC is a great place to broaden your horizons and make the most out of every aspect of college!

Rotaract Bake Sale Success

By Maria Francis, Page Editor

The Rotaract Club held a bake sale Wednesday, February 17th and Thursday, February 18th in the Student Union. Susan Helmick, Mandy Raider, and the Candlewyck Inn graciously donated their time and energy baking cookies, cupcakes and other goods.

The club raised \$135 for the Nicaraguan Peace Project, a school that helps kids living in impoverished areas in Nicaragua. Hannah Boggs, president of

the Rotaract Club, said, "A huge thanks to all those who donated and helped out."

Rotaract will be selling tickets to win a WVU basketball signed by the players. The drawing will be on April 28th with proceeds going also going to the Nicaraguan Peace Project. Contact Hannah Boggs or Christine Hess for more information.



Photo by PSC Communications Department

Rotaract members from left-to-right: Yuri Simabukuro, Hannah Boggs, Allyssa Grubbs, Jenna Custer, and Zoe Lay.

Latina(o) Club Involvement

By Maria Francis, Co-Editor

The Latina(o) Club is a new program at Potomac State College that focuses on making diversity acceptable at PSC as well as harboring a comfortable environment for all students.

"Anyone can join," said Stephanie Laporte, president. "You can learn about the culture, ask questions, and be more

aware of what is around you."

The Latina(o) Club is also partnering with the Rotaract Club in order to help raise funds for the Nicaraguan Peace Project.

If you enjoy the food, language, music, or any other Latina cultural heritage, this is the club for you.

The Latina(o) Club will also

be participating in the RHA sponsored event "Around the World" after Spring Break.

Club meetings are every Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. They will be held in the underground of the Student Union in the Student Recreation Office. See Antonio Rascon or Stephanie Laporte for more information.

POP CULTURE

Killer Speed in Keyser

By Caden Walters, *Contributing writer*

College students in West Virginia have failed to realize the recreational potential of the hills they hike to class to everyday. Dozens of activities like biking, hiking, skiing and snowboarding are participated in annually. However, downhill skateboarding is low on West Virginia's list of activities, if even present at all.

Being a college student generally means a lack of expendable money, leaving most of us to be car-less. As a student at Potomac State College I use my longboard to get to and from class. Many of my peers use the same method to travel across campus or through town.

So my question is, if people are aware of the hills around them, as well as how to ride a longboard, why are we not seeing a longboarding culture?

Keyser, WV, our small mountain town full of wind turbines in the middle of the Potomac Valley, is on the map for one reason: its college. If you take a tour of our college's agriculture department, you will be taken to a road named "Green Mountain Road." This dragon is at an incline which fluctuates between six and ten percent depending on which part of the mountain you're on.

Going down the mountain at speeds of forty to fifty miles per hour can be reached without even a kick to the concrete; individual trees become one large blur, and all you can focus on is the double yellow line on the black pavement. "It's a controlled fall," says PSC student Deshawn Thompson. "We have no brakes. After both feet leave the board it's, just you, gravity, and the mountain."



Photo By Caden Walters

Maryhill, Washington is a small community famous for its nothingness and wind farms. Every year the town holds the single largest longboarding event in the US: the Maryhill Festival of Speed. Through this festival, a small town in the middle of nowhere, just like Keyser, attracts athletes and tourists from all over

the world to witness who will be crowned the new champion of the downhill race.

Throughout our local Appalachian Mountain Range, roads similar to those in Maryhill and its "world class" quality lay dormant and un-skated.

If Maryhill can do it, why can't Keyser?

Buffalo Wild Wings Coming to LaVale, Md

By Rebekah Platzer, *Contributing writer*

After the closing of Stray Cat: Wing Shack, people have wanted another sports bar to get exceptional wings. Well now there is an answer! The spot formerly occupied by Ponderosa on Winchester Road in LaVale, Md is undergoing a complete makeover.

What was once a country-style buffet is becoming a well-known sports-themed eatery, Buffalo Wild Wings. The demolition of Ponderosa happened in November, and has since been transformed into a

perfect spot for Mountaineer fans to watch their favorite team play.

Students at Potomac State College can drive there in under half an hour, or take the Potomac Valley Transit to the Country Club Mall where it's just a short walk down the road to Buffalo Wild Wings. County Commission President Bill Valentine told Cumberland Times-News that the Ponderosa Steakhouse will be expected to relocate to Keyser. The opening date for the Buffalo Wild



Photo Source: Google.com

Wings is still unknown, but will hopefully be open by the end of this year.

Writer's Block

Non-Fiction for Self-Publishers

By T. VanHouten, Page Editor

Self-publication is easy, if you have the time and will to do it. You do have to be aware of the pitfalls before you make the leap into the fray of eBooks and paperback visions.

First, you are in complete control. This means you are solely responsible for the print quality. You can use outside sources; turn-key places are great but come with a hefty price. These places offer to do much of the work for you: editing, design, and distribution. The cost ranges from a few thousand dollars to upwards of \$25,000.

Self-publisher "Screaming



Photo by Angele Beth Greenberg
Dee Calhoun, self-publisher.

Mad Dee" said, "When they say everything is in your control, that means everything: marketing, proofreading, layouts, artwork." Screaming Mad Dee also said that you have to be a shameless self-promoter; self-publishers can hire marketers, but the expense and the hassle may not be worth it. So it comes down to money versus

quality in many cases.

The second thing to contemplate is the number of people currently self-publishing. Everyone who has ever strung a few words into a sentence seems to be self-publishing. There are too many sub par books on the shelves, even ones written by well-known authors. "Reviews are available through Amazon," said PSC Professor Eric Slivoskey. The downfall of Amazon reviews is that they are given by uncompensated reviewers who may not be trained in literature.

Knowing how to market your work is critical. "With no publisher having a stake in the project's success, making people aware of it and even harder [getting people] interested in it, is your obligation," said Dee.

Slivoskey has this advice: "Try

to write several books and link them together so if someone searches your book, another one will be displayed. Do not limit yourself to one brand of social media, you should utilize as many as possible."

The third topic is profit. If you are planning to write a few books and retire, reconsider your plans. Even if you can get people to buy your book, your profit margin from each sale is going to be minuscule.

If you charge \$14.99 per soft cover, you would only receive \$4.54 in royalties if you use Create Space.com to publish. Remember you are paying for everything. CreateSpace has a royalty calculator to help set book prices that should help keep you grounded.

5 Reasons I Want to be a Writer

By Trevor Kesner, Contributing Writer

Passion is what drives the writer's pen. Writers are the maestros of both the happy and the sad. I make this sound like a grand profession, but, of course, it is not without its hardships.

Failure is a big part of being a writer. Being told no and forced to tackle the same work repeatedly can cause frustration, anger and maybe even depression. Knowing the hardships, why would I want to write? These are the five reasons that I want to be a writer.

1. Writing for the Point of Writing

When I write, it's like every-

thing makes sense. This is what I want to do and this is why I enjoy doing it. Regardless of if I can make a career out of it or not, I think I will continue writing till the day I die.

2. Writing for a Career

I've swayed back and forth between wanting to learn history and wanting to write. I have a talent for structure when it comes to writing, so hopefully that will carry me to where I want to go. If possible, I would like to write as a career.

3. Writing to Combat Mortality

Writing, for me, is a tool to

fight against the tides of time. Whether I write a memoir or fiction, I will be able to place a marking stone for the future. In my opinion, to be remembered in reverence is one of the best things that can happen to an author.

4. Writing to Share My Work

I want to be able to share my work with others. I want to discuss the implications of the work I release, the world and the characters. The famed poet Emily Dickinson never once shared her work publicly. Some people treasure the ability to write and

share it privately. When I write, it is an invitation for people to journey through my mind.

5. Writing to Challenge Myself

I want to see if I can make a career out of the thing I love to do the most. I want to set that milestone for myself to become a successful writer. You should do the same. Share your dream like I shared mine.

(Note: This is an abbreviated form of a blog by Trevor Kesner. Read the entire blog on the new PSC Pasquino. worldpress.com online site available mid-March.)

OPINION

Small Town, Big Fame



Damian Powell during a senior baseball game.

Photo by Beth DeLawder

By **Damian Powell**, *Contributing Writer*

Some would say that having fame is not what it is cracked up to be. Others want to be noticed. People can be famous for sports, acting or their body image. Then, there can be high school fame which can be for horrendous things or it could

mean being in the marching band, playing a sport, or just being that person who talks to almost everyone.

I was all those things in my school because everyone knew everybody. I went to PawPaw High School. There were about

100 kids from grades 7 to 12. My school was so small! My “fame-status” came when I was playing basketball or baseball. In high school, I played varsity basketball for four years but only two years of varsity baseball.

No matter whether it was my first game or the last game, I felt nervous before every one. It didn’t matter if I listened to music or talked to my teammates.

As we ran out on the court I would see parents, faculty and other students in the stands yelling and cheering for us. Cheerleaders were yelling and trying to get everyone moving. The lights shining down on me and my teammates and everyone watching was my sense of fame. Those people cheered, yelled and wanted me to succeed.

With that type of atmosphere I felt like I was famous and playing in the college level or even

in the NBA. Other teams knew who I was and talked about my performance. I was no Michael Jordan or Ricky Rubio. I was Damian Powell, an average high school basketball and baseball player. People knew me.

That was a taste of fame.

“I felt like I was famous.”

It may have only been tri-state wide, but it was something to be proud of. Not everyone has that chance to feel like they are important or noticed, but I got that experience from my high school. It truly showed me that hard work can pay off if you try. I miss the high school limelight, but as a person I am ready to move on and find another sense of fame.

Dear Editor,

We need more recreational activities! Many students just sit in their rooms watching T.V. At Potomac State College we do have some options like intramural basketball, volleyball and soccer. We have programs like girls’ night and craft sessions. If you want to go off campus, trips to the bowling alley and mall are offered. What if you’re not interested in any of these options?

I suggest that the students come up with their own games and activities to do. Maybe the

student government could hand out surveys during lunch for students to share their ideas.

We should have more interesting activities to do on the weekends for the students who cannot leave campus. Bonfires could be hosted on some nights for roasting hot dogs and making s’mores. We could even create teams to have school-wide scavenger hunts. We could have activities like Tug of War, Manhunt, Bean Bag tosses and other outdoor games. Resident Assistants could host floor game nights with fun prizes. The first

week of school offered many fun activities for the students. Maybe incorporating those activities into a daily schedule would make the campus more entertaining for the students on their downtime. Not many students have their own cars or are able to leave campus. Adding more entertainment for the students could really make the campus more exciting for students who don’t leave on the weekends.

Thank you,

Isaiah Willis

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AROUND CAMPUS



Photo by Caden Walters

Jaiden Courrier, the fiddler, plays his fiddle on the roof of the home of Tevye and his family.

“Fiddler On The Roof”

By Michael Meyers, Contributing Writer

The Theater Department at Potomac State College of West Virginia University has chosen “Fiddler on the Roof” as the major musical for 2016.

The original Broadway production opened in 1964 and had the first musical theatre run in history to surpass 3,000 performances. Fiddler held the record for the longest-running Broadway musical for almost 10 years until Grease surpassed its run. It remains Broadway's sixteenth longest-running show in history.

Brian Plitnik of Potomac State's Music Department will produce the performance. Chris McCabe is director, and Kimberli Rowley is choreographer.

The cast features area community theater veterans, as

well as some newcomers. Kevin Shreve of Keyser will portray Tevye, and Karen McCabe will star as Tevye's wife, Golde.

Thirteen PSC students are involved in the play, either in the cast, crew, or as an usher.

Students must balance coursework, jobs and practice time. B.J. Sires is an RA, serves on multiple committees including SGA, works in the mailroom and serves as design editor of the Pasquino.

Sires said, “Time management and memorization are key in being in a production. Many of us are full-time students, have jobs and are involved on campus.”

Stage crew member, Ken Powers, has been involved in

Cast & Crew

Kevin Shreve	Tevye	Laurie Bender	Grandma Tzeitel
Karen McCabe	Golde	Danise Whitlock	Fruma-Sarah
Morgan Witmer	Tzeitel	Fred Robertson	Constable
Lisa-Anna Maust	Hodel	Curtis Westfall	Fyedka
Skylar Spanburg	Chava	Jaideen Courrier	the Fiddler
Karlee Witherite	Sphrintze	B.J. Sires	Yussel
Jesse Wilson	Motel	Justise Clay	Ensemble
Justice Courrier	Perchik	Ali Barrett	Ensemble
John McConnell	Lazar Wolf	Kenneth Powers	Stage Crew
Tommy Nester	Mordcha	Pierce Miller	Stage Crew
Ron Growden	Rabbi	Travon Anderson	Usher
Cody Sheldon	Mendel	Chandrea Clegett	Usher
Tom Vogtman	Avram	Katrina Powers	Usher
Kimberli Rowley	Yente	Miracle Copeland	Usher
Jared Hallow	Nachum	Lea Baker	Assistant

See playbill for entire list of cast and crew members

Tickets are free for Potomac State College Students with ID

five Fiddler productions, which include high school and professional productions in Indiana.

For this production, Powers works with the backstage director, sets props, and keeps actors organized. He plans a career in psychiatry.

“Being on stage is intense emotional therapy.”

Powers said, “I find that theatre and psychology go hand in hand. Being on stage is really intense emotional therapy. It helps you explore emotions you typically are not allowed to exhibit in society.”

Show dates for “Fiddler on the Roof” are Friday and Saturday, March 11-12 and 18-19 at



Photo by Caden Walters

Skylar Spanburg as Chava, daughter of Tevye and Golde.

7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 13 and 20, at 2:30 p.m. at the Church-McKee Arts Center.

Tickets are free for Potomac State College Students with ID, \$12 for students and \$18 for adults (general admission); \$14 for students and \$20 for adults (reserved seating); and \$20 for students and \$25 for adults (VIP priority seating and backstage tour). Group discounts are also available for groups of 10 or more.